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British Ship Seized

Singapore, Feb. 20.
The British merchantman "Fortune" sailing out of Singapore was seized on Feb. 8 by the Dutch Navy when the ship entered Chiribon Roads with fire burning in two holds and attempted to unload prohibited cargo.

Commander G. B. Fortyn of Kortenner said he gave the "Fortune's" captain permission to unload cement which was loaded. Burning coal prevented firemen from getting at the flames. He said when he returned to the ship four days later he found the fires still burning, the cement unloaded and the crew busy removing 550 bicycle tires from the after holds.

The "Fortune's" captain told the Dutch that his ship's engines had been damaged to prevent the ship from sailing and the Dutch Navy repaired the engines.

Fortyn said the captain agreed to take the ship to Batavia only after the Dutch threatened to put a crew aboard. He said it arrived at Batavia four days later with coal still burning and "nobody paying any attention to the fire."

The Dutch ordered the ship to Batavia because it was suspected of carrying prohibited cargo without permit in Dutch territorial waters. It is owned by the Singapore, Hong Kong Shipping Company of Singapore—United Press.

THE WEATHER

The intense anticyclone persists over China, S. Japan and the China Sea. A trough of low pressure has developed to the E. of Northern Honshu. Today's Forecast: Strong NE wind offshore; moderate N and NE winds in shore; weather cloudy and cold.

Yesterday's Weather:

Maximum: 60°—Sea: 54°.

Sunshine: Nil.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1: 29.1 mm., as against an average of 64.3 mm.

Readings at:

10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Bare at msl. 1020.7 1020.6 mb.

Bar. Humidity 78 72 %

Dew Point 11 41 °C.

Wind Direction: N by W NNE

Wind Force 1 8 knots

BIG FREEZE-UP CONTINUES

Ice Endangers Shipping Off Norfolk

Railways Blocked By Fresh Snow

DAUNTLESS BRITAIN

Melbourne, Feb. 19.

Stating "we can never repay the debt we owe to dauntless Britain, when in 1940 she stood alone," Sir Howard Lloyd, Chairman of the Bank of Adelaide, writing in the "Melbourne Herald," special financial supplement, said:—"A fine gesture would be for the Australian Government to make a straightforward gift to Britain of say £100,000,000, spread over a number of years, all of which be sent in the form of foodstuffs and raw materials."—Reuter.

Occupation Troops Kick

Tokyo, Feb. 20.
It was unofficially reported here today that the British authorities at Kuré in northern Japan have arrested a

number of troops, believed to belong to the Dorsetshire Regiment, who refused to board the vessel Rajula, which was transferring them to Singapore.

The Rajula sailed yesterday with the first batch of United Kingdom troops transferred from Japan to Malaya.

So far there is no confirmation of the incident.

The troops are stated to have complained that conditions in the ship were not sanitary and staged a virtual sit-down strike until the military authorities intervened. The number detained was not known, it was stated.—Reuter.

PAPERS TORN UP

Paris, Feb. 20.

A newspaper vendor selling Belgian papers outside a Paris underground station this morning was attacked by a group of press strikers who tore them all up. Several news-starved Parisians protested and a brawl began which the police stopped.—Reuter.

All Not Well On The Rice Front

Singapore, Feb. 19.
Stating that events justified the warnings he had given earlier that better rice allocations to southeast Asia territories for the first six months of the year did not justify any relaxation, Lord Killearn, at the Southeast Asia Liaison Officers' Conference ending at Singapore today, added a special warning of rice exhaustion in the Netherlands East Indies, which he called "the greatest danger point on the whole rice front."

Lord Killearn said that the position of the unratified part of the town population of Batavia and the rural districts around Sourabaya was alarming. The death rate from under-nourishment was rapidly becoming apparent.

A programme of 17,000 tons monthly was required between January and April to maintain the total cereal ration of 4½ ounces daily. So far, they were 13,000 tons short of the appropriations.

The new procurement scheme in Siam, put into operation on January 20, he said, had resulted in increasing the flow of rice arriving at Bangkok from January 27 onwards. Unless unforeseen conditions arose, it was confidently expected that the March programme would be achieved.

Siam Cautious
Representatives of the combined Siam rice Commission expressed caution about the prospects of the new scheme. They had accepted the January-March shipment programme in full, but did not feel justified in naming a figure.

Harold Sanderson, Director of the Rice Division of the Ministry of Food, emphasised the great danger of continuing

snow powdered London anew and more snow and gales were forecast as a "token strike" of 3,000 tugmen of coal barges on the Thames threatened to add to the city's woes.

The unofficial strike, like that of truckers in January, was in protest against delay in the negotiations with masters on their demand for a regulated week in industry. The Union issued

no statement and the men were expected to return to work tomorrow.

The Midland industrial temperature is keeping the ice thick and hard in Oslo Fjord.—Reuter.

Bannisters As Fuel

London, Feb. 20.
Old people were burning bannisters and picture frames to keep warm in some parts of England yesterday, and the month-long cold wave that hastened the collapse of the country's fuel system continued with no let-up.

The temperature dropped to 19 degrees below zero (Fahrenheit) in some districts and was below freezing generally.

London's proverbially gloomy weather broke an all-time record. For the 18th successive day the sun failed to penetrate thick grey clouds. Seventeen days in December, 1880, was the longest previous sunless period.

Suburban Luton, following the lead of Berlin, opened the first emergency warming centre for old people. Hot drinks as well as heat were provided from 1000 to 1600.

Ice floes interrupted navigation on the river Maas, in south Belgium. Little "midget icebergs" choked the Scheldt estuary.

Berlin Deaths

Temperature in Paris again dropped to 19 degrees Fahrenheit, a drop of about six degrees from Tuesday's lowest, the sharpest weather of the current cold spell.

Thirty-three-year-old Olive Mills was rescued from the sea near Brighton under mysterious circumstances and was taken to hospital suffering from shock and exposure. The police are carrying out investigation.

Police at Purley Way, Wallington, chased a naked man through snowdrifts until he collapsed. He was taken to a hospital at Croydon for observation.

For the first time since the great freeze of 1894-95 skaters on Friday will skate eight miles along the River Waveney from Beccles to Oulton Broad, Suffolk.

Ice Threat To Shipping

Icebergs from continental deltas have crossed the North Sea threatening fishing and coastal shipping off East Norfolk. Four sailors were trapped by a floe but escaped when 40 miles off Great Yarmouth.

Trains from Scotland were running into London late because of new snowfall and some lines were blocked.

Hundreds of sheep were feared lost in Yorkshire and lambing time, now here, came at the worst possible time. Many lambs were lost.

Coal continued to arrive at London in large quantities. Colliers brought 25,000 tons to the Thames Estuary yesterday. Great Western R.R. brought 35,000 tons in 73 trains.—United Press.

Ships Iced In

Oslo, Feb. 20.
A convoy led by an ice-breaker may be sent to the relief of 40 ships stranded in the port of Kristiansand by persistent thick ice.

The ships were bound for Oslo and Gothenberg. Continuing low

Terrorists Blow Up Pipe Line

Jerusalem, Feb. 20.
The vital Iraq Petroleum Company pipeline was blown up and cut in two places near Haifa.

A communiqué said blasts severed the line in the interior near the refinery on Haifa Bay.

The pipeline of the petroleum group, which is an international concern, runs 800 miles from the oil field at Kirkuk in northeastern Iraq through Trans-Jordan to Haifa.

An official announcement said the Royal Air Force station at Ein Shemer, near Haifa, was attacked during the night with mortars and small arms fire but there were no casualties.

Earlier, a Jewish truck driver was held up at heavy rifle fire and his truck taken.

BANK REFUSES INSPECTION

Canton, Feb. 20.
The Central Bank of China here yesterday refused to submit its accounts for an inspection by the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Supervisory Office, which in conjunction with the Local Court has been carrying out an investigation to ascertain the amount of gold in Government and Provincial banks in Canton.

The Supervisory Office, besides expressing indignation, declared that the Central Bank will be severely dealt with.—Central News.

Sino-British Air Talks

Nanking, Feb. 20.
Members of the British Air Mission to China had a long meeting with the Chinese Government aviation authorities today. It was reliably learned that the nature of their discussions was not disclosed.

However, it is expected that draft proposals submitted by both parties will be announced some time in April.

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Murder Story An Invention

A "complete fabrication" was the description applied by his son to reports of an assassination attempt on Mr. Liu Hou-wu, Control Yuan Commissioner for Kwangtung-Kwangsi, in Canton on Wednesday evening.

The reports, which were published in several Chinese newspapers in Hong Kong and caused a sensation in the Colony yesterday, alleged that five shots were fired into Mr. Liu's car while he was on the way home from his office.

It was stated that Mr. Liu's chauffeur was killed, following the car crashed into an electric light standard, and that Mr. Liu himself was "seriously wounded."

Mr. Liu's relatives in Hong Kong declared they knew nothing of the reported attempt, and his son received a cable from his father later in the day stating the story was a "complete fabrication."

Ex-Shanghai Man On Grave Charge

London, Feb. 19.
John Joseph Holland, 39-year-old seaman, who was arrested on an oil tanker at Hull, was charged in London today with entering the service of a German-controlled radio station in Shanghai in February, 1942, and entering the service of the Japanese broadcasting system in Tokyo in the same year.

A detective said that when shown a number of documents received from Australia, Holland replied: "These look like some of my broadcasts."

Holland told the magistrate: "I have been in custody practically since the end of the war. In February last year, I was taken by the Australian military forces to an island in the Celebes, where I was placed under open arrest. I had the opportunity of making an escape if I wished—I have a letter from the captain in charge which states that I am given complete freedom on the

island and made no attempt to avoid arrest or to escape."

In June last, Holland declared, he was released by the Commonwealth authorities and offered a passage to Sydney, which he accepted. On arrival, he reported to the Security Police headquarters. No restriction was placed on his movements.

"I went to Western Australia, where I understood I would be granted if he could produce two sureties each of \$500.—Reuter.

Attack On B.B.C.

SMUTTY JOKES & TOO MUCH BING

London, Feb. 20.
Emboldened BBC, already plagued by accusations of Socialistic bias and commercialism in song-plugging, today found itself the object of parliamentary wrath because "70 per cent of its jokes are smutty," it gives overdoses of Bing Crosby which is as dangerous to listeners as alcoholism and it insulted the women of Scotland.

This bill of particulars was hurled last night during a wild debate in the Commons on a supplementary appropriation of nearly £1,000,000 which was approved only after the BBC had been dragged over the coals.

Scottish Mrs. Jean Mann, Labour M.P. for Camborne, led off with an attack on "Itma," a variety comedy programme which has more listeners than any BBC show.

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To Too Much Bing
"This programme has a Scottish girl who was supposed to be falling off her head for that little twerp called 'Itma,'" Mrs. Mann said wrathfully. "In my generation no Scotswoman would have looked at him twice."

Inquiry Demanded
Wing Commander Geoffrey Cooper, Socialist for Middleborough, who originally raised the question of staff bribery in BBC song-plugging and brought about an official inquiry now under way, was ruled out of order when he tried to ask that the investigations be broadened.

This matter goes far beyond the allegations of gifts in connection with dance music broadcasts," he said. "I intend to press for a full-scale investigation into the BBC by an independent firm of business consultants and also the formation of a National Broadcasting Council representing broadcasters of all types.—United Press.

what I wanted. I found it rather difficult to get employment as I had not been in the country for about 10 years."

The magistrate intervened to say that Holland would be remanded until March 5 and bail would be granted if he could produce two sureties each of \$500.—Reuter.

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Overseas Chinese Exempt From Order

Nanking, Feb. 19.
Overseas Chinese will be exempted from the Government's order requiring the transfer of foreign exchange deposited abroad to Chinese banks, the Minister of Information, Mr. Peng Hsueh-pei, announced at a press conference today, in commenting on the measures recently promulgated for the stabilisation of China's economy.

This exemption will affect approximately 3,500,000 Chinese nationals living abroad. The measures governing foreign exchange specified that deposits in foreign countries must be transferred to Chinese banks or converted into National currency at the official rate of exchange.

Overseas Chinese residing abroad are exempted from this order, Mr. Peng stated, adding that detailed measures are being drawn up regarding this matter.

Whether the Chinese Government will request the United States or other foreign governments to transfer their currencies belonging to Chinese citizens residing in their countries, he stated.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING

Saturday, 22nd February 1947.

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Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptrodore Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$8., including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Tae Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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Irgun Also Wants Trans-Jordan

Jerusalem, Feb. 19. The Jewish terrorist organisation, Irgun Zvai Leumi, declared in a broadcast over its secret transmitter, "the Voice of Fighting Zion," tonight that Transjordan was included in "our plan of conquest."

The announcer added: "The whole of Palestine—east and west of the River Jordan—must be ours."

"Our demands to the United Nations Organisation must be clear now,"—Reuter.

Students Demonstrate

New York, Feb. 19. Zionist college students throughout the United States were called on to demonstrate this evening against Britain's Palestine policy.

The Inter-Collegiate Zionist Federation of America, sponsor of the demonstrations, demanded in a statement that Britain should open Palestine to unlimited Jewish immigration, abrogate the White Paper of 1939, release all Jews now in detention camps, and establish Palestine as a Jewish national home.—Reuter.

Mine Explodes

The "Daily Telegraph" from Jerusalem reported that an electrical-detonated mine exploded under a British Army truck at 10 p.m. today at Mount Carmel Road in Haifa. The dispatch said there were no casualties.—United Press.



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SHIP'S CAPTAIN FINED Passengers On Top Of Cargo

The practice of carrying passengers on top of cargo on river steamers was condemned in the Marine Court yesterday when Captain William J. Andrews, master of the Hong Kong Canton river steamer "Kwangtung," was fined \$2,150 by the Magistrate, Comdr. Ryder, for having on board 430 excess passengers on the trip down from Canton on Feb. 15.

Mr. D. G. Culina, boarding with their baggage, on top of cargo.

Fire Risk

Comdr. Ryder said he realised this had been the practice, and for this reason he was imposing a fine of only \$5 for each excess passenger as against the maximum of \$25. Also it was the first offence of the kind since the reoccupation.

At the same time this practice must cease. The risk fire was great, and the first consideration must be the safety of passengers. In future cases a much severer penalty would be imposed.

Fishermen?

The number declared by Capt. Andrews was 853, and he said the difference was possibly due to fishermen who went on board as cargo owners without paying their fare, which was a usual practice.

Captain Andrews explained that the "Kwangtung" was reconstructed after the Japanese occupation with all her cabins removed, and only deck space was left on which both cargo and passengers were carried.

It was the practice, especially since the reoccupation when slipping space was short, for passengers to be accommodated

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INFLUX

A few more embarrassments to Government akin to the discovery that it has to cater for 138 new arrivals in the Ranchi when only 38 were expected, and it is possible that a more positive policy on housing might be forthcoming. Treated as numbers, rather than as a group of human beings, and it seems somewhat fantastic that a difference of 90 persons to a Colony the size of Hong Kong should drag from Government an official admission of "grave doubts as to whether accommodation is likely to be found for the new arrivals." Somehow or other, of course, all will be absorbed, even if it is, as Government suggests "on a very austere basis." That, however, is beside the point; or worse, Government has an altogether too complacent habit of assuming that accommodation of any kind once found, however austere, and the matter is settled. The difficulty overcome. The discomfiture visited on Government by the shock provided in the revised list of impending Ranchi arrivals can be of wider value unless it impresses upon those officials who are concerned with housing, directly or indirectly, that they have had frequent reminders of the need for energy and initiative in tackling the over-all problem. Thus far, the record has been a dismal one. It is, indeed, we imagine, more than coincidence that concerning all its various activities, those affecting housing are also those about which Government preserves the closest silence. Futility, vacillation, or plain indifference, are things which even the most successful P.R.O. must have difficulty in translating into an acceptable picture. Unfortunately, the problem remains in spite of official persistency in blinking its eyes to it, and in spite of the survival of occasional crises such as that threatened by the Ranchi influx. In the past, these have been overcome, more often than not, by pressure, on the Services resulting in the release of requisitioned property. And in this, of course, whether the viewpoint is popular or not, is to be found the only key to solution of the immediate difficulties. Quite frankly, the Services are still in occupation of civilian residential property on a scale justifying criticism if only on the ground that, since the re-occupation of Hong Kong, they have had eighteen months in which (starting from the proposition that they could not reasonably expect indefinitely to retain possession of private property commanded under emergency conditions), to build for themselves. Sooner or later, it is unavoidable, and it is pertinent to enquire, why not sooner? The homeless civilian would, undoubtedly, be a trifle more satisfied on this score, were he satisfied that in all cases the best use was being made of the requisitioned property and that no element of dog-in-the-manger existed to arouse hostility. In this connection, particularly in view of its Ranchi anxieties, Government might find it worth while to examine once again the Service tenure of properties in Argyle Street, the Kadodio Estate and elsewhere in that region, generally, of Kowloon. Without investigation, it is not for us to repeat the allegations that have been and are being made, but there has been a circumstantial consistency about them which would seem to warrant official inquiry with a view to their early release. Sometimes some of us are liable to forget that the British Military Administration (and military law) terminated in Hong Kong ten months ago. The acuteness of the housing shortage, intensifying progressively in accordance with easy predictions, suggests that the time has come to "render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's."

Vietnam, Feb. 19. Britain today faces a crisis as grim as any in her history; unless production and exports are increased in spite of the severe manpower shortage, there may little return for his work. Britain is the highest-taxed country in the world; and a large percentage of the worker's income is deducted under the "Pay As You Earn" income tax scheme—that—the scheme's official name—before he gets his wages.

There is no doubt that the White Paper on the economic position of Britain, which lays these facts before the British public in terms of simple arithmetic, is one of the gravest documents ever issued by British Government.

It can be summed up in three words: "Export or Die." Britain complains the White Paper needs to increase its exports to 75 percent above the 1938 level. In spite of the manpower shortage, caused largely by the fact that millions of young men are still in the Armed Forces, material shortages, and shortages of goods for home consumption.

No Way?

The most disturbing factor of the White Paper is that, according to all mathematical and economic rules, there seems to be no way how this can be done. If Britain achieves her export aim, it will be an economic miracle.

Sir Stafford Cripps, the President of the Board of Trade, who is in charge of the export drive, and is also responsible for deciding what goods may be released for the home market, summed up the situation recently when he said: "We have more jobs to do and we want to do them more quickly than is possible with curtailed resources."

Britain's problem is just that. Cripps suggested three ways in which this country can get over its economic adversity:

1. The widespread re-introduction of part-time labour, especially for women.

2. New short cuts in production methods.

3. An end-by employers and employees of all beliefs that inched in the way of a speedups. "If we think we can work less and earn more when there is not the production to give us that higher standard," said Cripps, "then we are heading straight for disaster."

Thus the economic stability of this country will depend on whether the Labour Government can persuade the British workers to work harder and to work longer hours.

Human Nature

And this is where the Government comes up against the fundamental factor of human nature. Any worker in the world is asked to work longer and harder,

What is more, the British worker is rather cynical. He remembers only too well the between-the-wars years of unemployment and frustration and of exploitation by employers, with the constant threat of the unemployed men's dole queue in the background.

There are many who feel that now and just now, when every worker is really needed, is the time to fight for a general improvement of working conditions. This is the factor behind most of the recent strikes for more pay and shorter working week. It is the reason why, in spite of strenuous opposition, the Trade Union Congress last autumn demanded the general introduction of the 40-hour week.

It is true that many workers realize the seriousness of the situation. They know what an economic breakdown would mean for them. They also want to support the Labour Government, to keep it in power and to enable it to put into effect all its social legislation.

But even among these politically and economically conscious workers, there is a strong "human nature" factor—the deeply

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Cynical

Three western members of the Big Four already are in accord on a federalized Germany, supported by the Soviets, and of principle of close economic co-operation among the nations of western Europe; in development of the Ruhr Valley's industrial might. These agreements are in principle.

Differences exist on model of application, but America, Britain and France all want Ruhr plants controlled and their produce spread over the western end of the continent.

France is in a recent memorandum on economic control of Ruhr steel mills and coal mines, envisaged a region where industrial pillars—owned by all the Allies—who fought against Germany—would be operated by the powerful neighbours in the west. The mills and mines would distribute their output for the mutual benefit of all nations in the area, instead of for some future German war machine.

The French proposal to implement this internationalisation of Ruhr resources by shifting the European industrial centre westward.

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Second—On Soviet foothold in the Ruhr—Britain already served notice that any international regime in the Ruhr must be counterbalanced by an analogous set-up in Silesia, Germany's other great industrial bastion. France will support this demand. The United States is expected to join this stand.

Hard Choice

The Soviet will then be faced by a hard choice. If the Russians accede, they will have a man on the Ruhr commission, but the west will get a new foothold in

western Europe—a break in the so-called Iron curtain. If they refuse they can logically be excluded from a place in the Ruhr.

Plants would be owned by all

Allied states which fought against Germany. But they would be operated only by nations deemed "particularly interested."

Thus the Soviets might participate in owning Ruhr plants but not their operation. Similarly Britain might own part of Silesia mills but their operation would be confined to countries in that region.

Under the impetus of Blum's

meeting with Attlee in London, conversations now are under way for a Franco-British military and economic alliance. Foreign Ministers agreed to the French proposal.

French and British diplomats are currently negotiating on the German problem—France wants economic union, as well as military guarantees. Foreign Ministry officials say publicly this is only coincidence that there is really no connection between the alliance and German issues.

Privately they say the same thing, but they smile when they say it.

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CARNIVAL



By Dick Turner

BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC ADVERSITY: A SURVEY

London, Feb. 19. Britain today faces a crisis as grim as any in her history; unless production and exports are increased in spite of the severe manpower shortage, there may little return for his work. Britain is the highest-taxed country in the world; and a large percentage of the worker's income is deducted under the "Pay As You Earn" income tax scheme—that—the scheme's official name—before he gets his wages.

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grained idea of leaving things to the other man.

More Inducements

The Government realises that the only way to get workers to work harder and for longer hours is to offer them inducements more tangible than half-understood economic terminology and strongly-worded appeals to political loyalty.

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French Policy Swinging To The Western Powers

By JOSEPH E. DYNAN

France's new Government is directing its foreign policy toward a new version of the western bloc, this time economic, if not political.

France would state these peaceful terms. Some of the steps would be shipped to the Ruhr for proceeding. The Rhineland economy would be tied in with that of its western neighbours.

The whole area would become an inter-dependent region, in fact as it has always been in nature, or thus the French propose.

Two factors have impeded unity among the United States, Britain and France in German settlements. France's demand for political detachment of the Rhineland and opposition by London and Washington to giving the Soviets any foothold in the Ruhr.

Diplomats reading between the lines of the French proposals think they find a way around both difficulties. This is how they see it:

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Electricity Supply Restored To The Industrial Heart Of England No Relaxation On Use Of Domestic Current

London, Feb. 19. The Government tonight issued an order for "Operation Switch-On," which will on Monday restore electricity supply to the industrial heart of England, where vital export plants have been at a standstill for nearly two weeks. The area in which the use of electricity for industry will be permitted is centred on Birmingham and stretches to Crewe, Gloucester and Peterborough.

The Prime Minister, making this announcement in the House of Commons today, declared that the Government would not consider the situation safe in any area until two weeks' stocks were built up.

Mr. Attlee also stated that the Government was initiating talks through the Minister of Labour between employers and trade unions for staggering hours of work in the restored area, so as to spread over the industrial load.

The areas in which the use of electricity for industry is still banned are the south-east, including London, and the north-west. Mr. Attlee said that Parliament would be notified when it was considered safe to re-start industry in those areas also. "We do not want rashness, but we do not want timidity," Mr. Attlee said.

The Fuel Ministry announced tonight that yesterday Britain's electricity undertakings had enough coal in stock to keep going for 13.9 days over the country as a whole, but London's power stations had only 11.5 days' stocks based on restricted consumption estimates.

The Government's restoration of power to the Midlands' industries does not imply any relaxation of restrictions on the domestic use of current, which still stand at the five-hour ban daily.

The Ministry of Fuel spokesman, Sir Guy Nott-Bower, warned at a press conference that the gas position is nothing like satisfactory, but there is no question just now of gas restrictions.

The Ministry of Fuel warned the nation that an inadequate margin of safety had not yet been reached and urged citizens rigidly to observe regulations and exercise the utmost economy in the use of electricity and gas.

The Prime Minister rejected the suggestion by a Conservative Member of Parliament that he should make a special appeal to workers and employers to suspend all restrictive practices and work longer hours for six months to make up for lost production. Mr. Attlee told Parliament that on full resumption of work, he was confident that employers and workers could be relied on in the country's interest to take any steps necessary to make up for lost production.

Ministers are tonight being urged to make a decision about Sunday work this weekend. In the New South Wales anthracite field the big Abercrafey colliery announced that production would continue throughout Sunday. Coal produced last week in the West Midlands was 15,000 tons up on the corresponding week-of last year.

Returning To Work

The total number out of work through power cuts climbed yesterday to 2,114,000. It was off-

Albania's Reply To Britain

Lake Success, Feb. 20. Albania flatly disclaimed any responsibility for laying mines in the Corfu Channel as charged by Britain and in turn accused British ships of violating her territorial waters.

Albanian representative Hyri Kapo, appearing before the United Nations Security Council, said: "I deny flatly and categorically the charges that have been made." Charging the British with "flagrant violations" of Albanian waters, he said that Royal Navy warships entered the channel off the Albanian coast to provoke and intimidate his country.

Kapo talked for nearly two hours in opposing the complaint under which Britain seeks an apology and compensation for loss of life and property.

Two destroyers struck mines in the channel last October 22 and 24 sailors were killed.

Soviet delegates to the defence of Albania almost immediately in the debate and engaged in a sharp verbal exchange with Sir Alexander Casar, Britain's delegate.

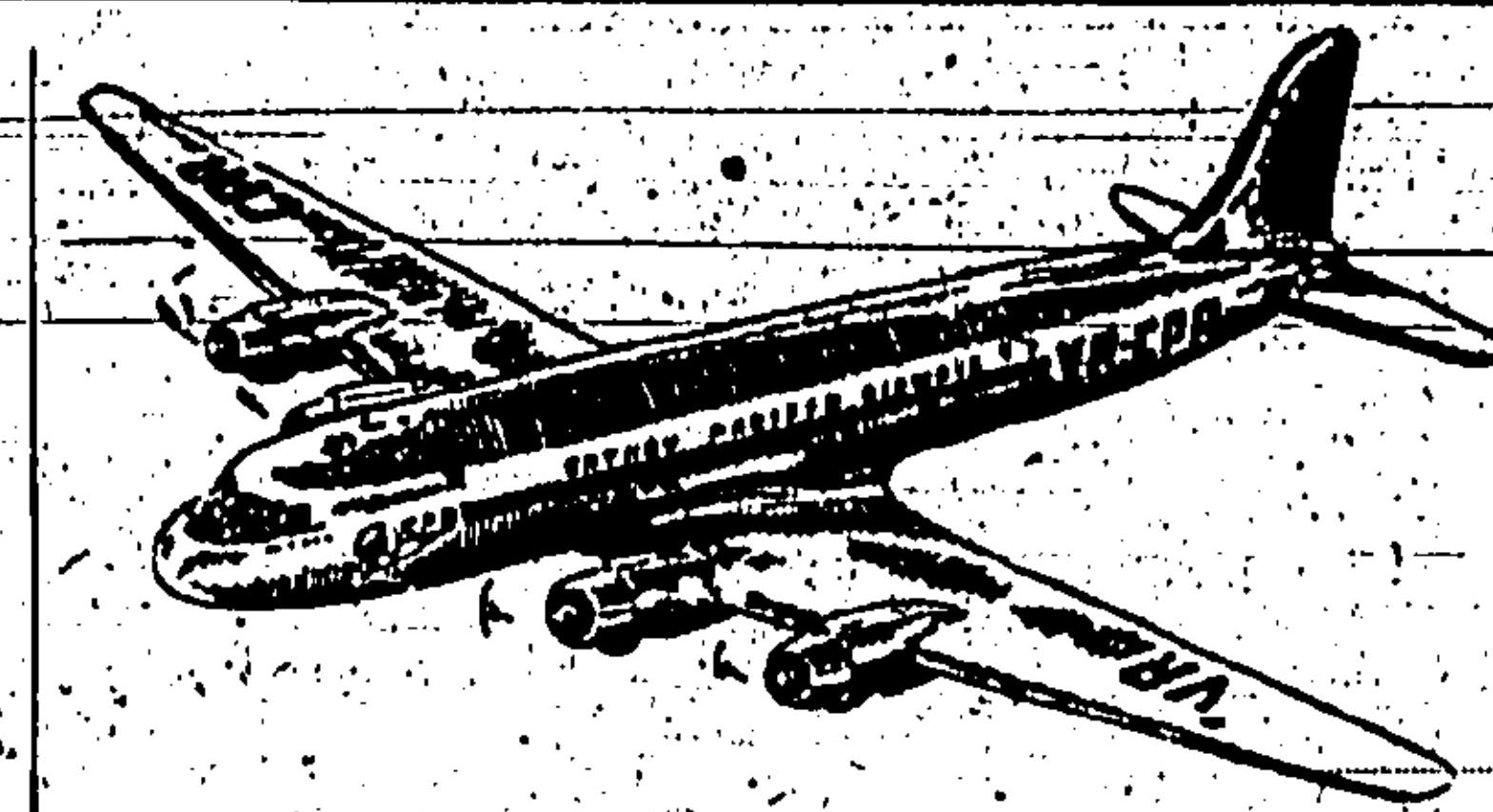
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